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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of

David William BALSDON

Application No.: 09/592,907

Filed: 13 June 2000

For: CANISTER PURGE VALVE FOR HIGH
REGENERATION AIR FLOW

Group Art Unit: 3753

Examiner: J. Fox

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

to Mr. GUTER
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the final Office Action dated 31 December 2001 (Paper no. 9), the period for reply to which extends to 1 April 2002 (31 March 2002 having fallen on a Sunday), please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend as follows the paragraph that was added by the reply filed 7 November 2001. This paragraph was added on page 4, after the original paragraph that ends on line 5.

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As shown in figure 5, the pin can include a first portion that is at least partially surrounded by the bobbin 6, and can also include a second portion that can occlude the aperture of the valve seat 13. The first and second portions can be adjacent to each other. In a preferred embodiment, the first portion has a cross-sectional area that is greater than a cross-sectional area of the second portion.

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